

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a system 300 for activating a software product. The system 300 includes a customer computer 20, a customer 302, a telephone network 304, a customer service representative 304, a network 336, an activation server 334, and an activation authority 334. The customer computer 20 includes a processor 21, system memory 22, a software product 36, a hashing algorithm 112, a product ID 102, and a confirmation ID 118. The activation server 334 includes an activation unit 110, a hashing algorithm 112, and an activation database 114. The activation database 114 includes a table with columns for PID, H/W ID, and Conf. ID. The system 300 is used to activate a software product 36 on a customer computer 20 by comparing the product ID 102 and confirmation ID 118 with the activation database 114.

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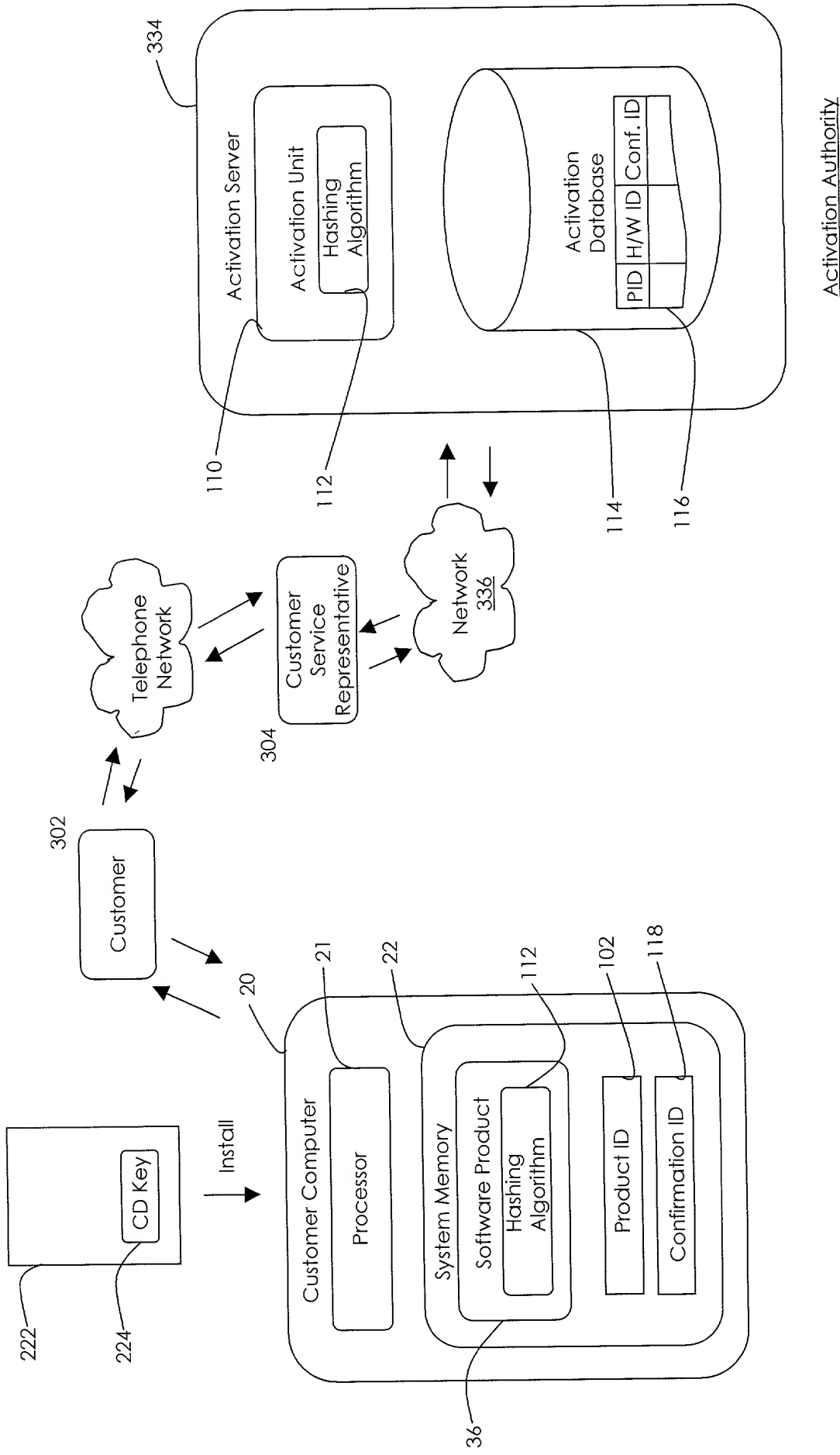


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